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## ■ WAINFLEET: Fall fair

### History of harvests

KAESHA FORAND  
 InPort News Staff

WAINFLEET — Thanks to traditional Wainfleet Fall Fair events, such as a horse pull and sheep-shearing, and new ones like a corn-eating contest, this year's fair was deemed a big success.

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## ■ ELECTION: Tweeting, posting, blogging and websites



MARYANNE FIRTH Staff Photo

Though not replacing door-to-door visits and lawn signs, social media sites such as Facebook are growing increasingly popular among election candidates.

### Facebook vs. face-to-face

MARYANNE FIRTH  
 InPort News Staff

WAINFLEET — Though cyberspace offers new avenues to reach residents, nothing beats hitting the streets during election time.

Though she has a personal Facebook page, Wainfleet mayoral candidate Barb Henderson said it's solely for her to keep in touch with friends and family.

She said she's thought about creating a separate page, but feels she's already busy enough in her role as a public servant.

"I just couldn't justify the time commitment," said the incumbent politician. see FACEBOOK | A2

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# Celebrating local agriculture

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Last Thursday, Friday and Saturday, thousands of adults and children roamed the fairgrounds in and around the Wainfleet Arena, learning about agriculture, vegetables, animals and, of course, had some fun.

For Fall Fair president David Wyatt, the event was a huge success. He credited good weather, new activities and Port Colborne's involvement for the success. For the second year, Port Colborne residents had the opportunity to enter items in the fair's judged events and take part in activities.

"I'm very happy, it's probably one of the better fairs we've done. The weather, crowds, feedback and comments were all very positive."

He said the Wainfleet Idol competition drew participants from three age brackets, the corn-eating competition drew nine participants, including one woman who "held up very well with the men."

The corn-eating contest

winner was Brent Pranger who ate 3 ½ cobs of corn in three minutes. Wyatt believes the contest will return next year with a five-minute time because the crowd was excited when participants were chomping down on the ears of fresh corn.

Wyatt also credited the fair's volunteers for ensuring everything ran smoothly.

Elementary school teacher Jenn Laur and her husband Michael brought their children William and Emma who both entered the pedal tractor races and took part in crafts.

"It's fantastic, from the agricultural exhibits to all the elementary school art to the crafts and the puppets," Jenn Laur said.

She said her elementary school students enjoyed their Friday morning visit and said the fair was very child-friendly.

There was plenty for children to do, including testing their fire escape knowledge in the Wainfleet Fire Department's fire trailer. Children also

enjoyed the midway, snacking on deep-fried Mars bars and voting for their favourite scarecrows.

Older children and the young-at-heart also had the opportunity to try an automated horse and calf-roping exhibit.

The fair is an annual event for Mikyla Balicki and her family. She entered numerous exhibit items in sewing, crafts, vegetables.

"I did everything except for baking," she said of the entries that takes her about three weeks to put together.

"When I come to the fair I like looking at my exhibits and playing with the reptiles," said Balicki, who also enjoyed the Seaway Serpenterium reptiles.

Wendell Palmer was popular at the sheep-shearing demonstrations with white and black sheep. He told spectators of the importance of shearing the sheep's wool in one piece and said generally sheep only need to be sheared once a year.

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## ■ FACEBOOK

# Internet is just another tool

## FROM PAGE A1

Though social media is an "up and coming way to connect with voters," Henderson believes people in Wainfleet still appreciate a more personal connection by candidates going door to door.

April Jeffs, Wainfleet's other mayoral candidate, said Facebook has worked well for her photography business, so she's decided to also utilize it for her campaign.

Social media tools make it easier to connect with the public quickly and efficiently, she said. Once she announced online her lawn signs and election magnets were ready, Jeffs had people contacting her hoping to get their get on them.

These online resources make it easier for residents to "keep track of what candidates are up to," she said.

Despite her involvement online, Jeffs said door-to-door campaigning is still the "best way" to get your name

out into the community.

Port Colborne mayoral candidate Frank DiBarolomeo is using his Facebook page to share information and video with constituents regarding the issues he hopes to tackle.

Throughout his campaign he plans to use all available media to get his word out into the community, he said.

Campaign signs are a "great visual" and their power during election time should not be underestimated. But, he added, "Without door to door I don't see how anyone can win an election."

Vance Badawey, running for re-election as mayor of Port Colborne, said he's had a Facebook page throughout his current term on council. It's a very far people to reach out to their public representatives, he said, making it a useful tool.

"It's one thing to be able to reach people, it's another for them to be able to reach you." While Facebook provides a direct link to the people,

Badawey is still planning to "hit as many doors as I can" to meet with constituents face to face.

In Pelham, mayoral candidate Dave Augustyn is making full use of the World Wide Web. He has a Facebook page, Twitter account, campaign website and blog. While Facebook is a direct link to the people, he said there are "a lot of people on it, and it takes a lot of time."

Other mayoral candidate Sharon Cook doesn't plan to do much tweeting.

"I totally prefer face to face contact." Putting everything on the Net, she said, "is a cold and impersonal way of dealing with things, especially in a small town."

Constituents prefer a more personal approach, which is why she's focusing on her door-to-door campaign.

"They want to shake your hand and look you in the eye."

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Dr. Christian Proulx  
Member of the Physician Recruitment Committee

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## ■ WAINFLEET FALL FAIR



KAESHA FORAND Staff Photo

Crowds flocked to the Wainfleet Fall Fair last weekend. Top left, children were drawn to the petting zoo, including Joshua Clare and friend Patrick Mayr who enjoy petting and feeding a horse. Top right, Mikyla Balicki tries her hand at mechanical calf roping at the Wainfleet Fall Fair on Saturday. Bottom left, Wendell Palmer shears a black sheep. Bottom middle, the kid's pedal tractor pull was a popular event for youngsters. Emma Laur captured first place in the five-year-old category. Bottom right, local residents entered preserves and canned goods to be judged during the Wainfleet Fall Fair.



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## ourview

## Not so social

While sites like Facebook and Twitter are tools many people utilize every day to stay in contact with friends and family, we're not so sure they're great for political candidates.

With Twitter, you can only send out 140 words of a 'tweet.' If you want to say more than that, the tweets start adding up and people start tuning out.

Facebook is better in the fact that candidates can set up fan pages or groups dedicated to their campaigns.

With Facebook they can put out their message, respond to questions, add photos and even add videos.

Twitter, through different third-party applications, does allow for the posting of videos and photos as well.

But just how effective are social media tools like Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and countless other sites?

Do voters really get a feel for what a candidate is about on a certain issue?

Can they get a sense of what the person is like through social media sites?

A candidate may be able to respond to people on these sites, but whatever their answer is, you can be assured it's well thought-out and planned before it ever hits any of these sites.

That's not to say a candidate's response at a person's front door, on the street, or even debate, is not well thought-out ahead of time.

But if you can ask a person and on the spot a question, you get to see how they react and how quickly they answer.

In person, you can judge whether a person is sincere or not.

In person, you can get a feel for candidate that you can't get through social media.

Sometimes our gut reaction to a person is all we need to judge whether we want them to represent us or not. Most of the candidates The Tribune and InPort News spoke to recently all said going door-to-door and greeting people in person is the best thing to get their message out.

One candidate said face-to-face interaction, they said in person, is the best way to represent us or not. Most of the candidates The Tribune and InPort News spoke to recently all said going door-to-door and greeting people in person is the best thing to get their message out.

Sites like Facebook and Twitter are great tools to keep connected to the public, but it's not real social interaction.

And real face-to-face social interaction with the voting public is what matters in the end when it comes election time.

## I'VE BEEN THINKING ...

# The Potters House

GARY TOMLUCK  
Literary Preacher

Picture this scenario, Jeremiah is told to go down to the potters house. There are piles of clay everywhere. There are many different types of vessels of various sizes, shapes and colors. And although their purposes may differ they are all special.

Perhaps your potters house is the city hospital. People are also different. They are also not too important. Some have various degrees of pain and illness and God knows all about it. For the divine potter has a plan for your life. And it's on the potters wheel that God's great work in us begins. It may well include heartache and suffering, but it's pain with a purpose. And this work will be used for God's glory and our good as He forms us and hurries to help us.

Can you submit to God? To the pressure, the pounding, the shaping process? The Lord will sometimes break you and then He will heal you. He will put the broken pieces back together and make something beautiful out of your life.

What is this Potters Wheel? On this wheel there were upper and lower discs made of stone or wood. The lower one was worked by the foot of the potter. It was attached by an axle to the upper one. These discs were in a horizontal position. We get the word tribulation from crushing or pressing. When the Lord squeezes your life between

His strong hands do you like it? Do you say "Thank You Lord, I enjoy this give me more?" No, it's often "Leave me alone, Stop it, I've had enough."

As the potter sometimes forms the clay into another lump and then starts over, so will the Divine Potter. We must submit to Him. If we are prideful and stubborn, we are not learning our painful lessons and may be on His wheel longer. Submit yourself under the mighty hand of God that in due time He may exalt you.

Now move from the Potters House to the Potters Wheel and finally to the Potters Furnace. What is the purpose of this furnace?

This is a further process in which the clay is fired to strengthen it. Without this process the vessels would remain weak, frail and would easily break. And if you thought being on the Potters Wheel is tough, there is usually a greater intensity of pain in the furnace.

What is this furnace? If we change the metaphor to clay to silver this was a crucible for smelting metals. Well preserved furnaces for iron refining were built below ground level which forms a tunnel in which powerful winds blow.

The principle is the same. The Lord refines us in the furnace of affliction to turn away the dross and the impurities. When does the silversmith know when the purifying process is complete? When he

sees his image reflecting from it. How much more does the Divine

Silversmith want His own children to reflect the very image of God. But always remember when you are in the place of affliction God holds the thermostat (how hot) and the stop watch (how long) These things take time, Heat and Affliction. But the end result is priceless. If you are an obedient Christian, and if you submit to God, the end result is that you will be a bright and shiny trophy of God's grace. If people do not submit and insist on complaint and grumble at the God they should read Ezekiel 22:18 "that the people of Israel is worthless slag (cross) that remains after the silver is smelted"

God chastens those He loves, therefore do not be surprised at the fiery trials as if something strange were happening to you.

What good are trials? They develop endurance, strength and character. And character strengthens our confident hope of salvation.

As the clay... God has created you. As a Christian God has redeemed you, provided you have put your faith and trust in God through Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. You are special, you are unique, you belong to God. He loves you. He has a wonderful plan for your life.

He is the potter and we are the clay. And there is truly no safer place to be than in God's hands. In His all-loving and almighty hands.

## ■ COLUMN

# 've been thinking about mystery

REV. STEVEN DAVIS  
Central United Church

A few weeks ago some time of relaxation was broken up when my wife called to me from our basement. "I just saw something scurrying in the laundry room." My wife did not particularly appreciate scurrying things.

I went downstairs and she told me again of something scurrying things she had seen from the corner of her eye, and expressed her sincere belief that it was a mouse as well as a strong desire that I do something about it. The presence of a mouse seemed plausible. We had some mice visit us in the basement a couple of years ago at around the same time of year, and it was, after all, late August. The nights were getting cooler, and all the little beetles were searching for a warm winter home. So I searched the laundry room. I moved things, I got the flashlight. There were no telltale signs of mice — more than that there were no telltale sounds of mice — no scurrying from

above the ceiling or under the walls.

I suggested that perhaps what she saw was a large centipede. I've had some biggies in our house every now and then. Whatever it was she saw was a mystery. As the weeks passed, the incident was largely scurrying in the laundry room. I went downstairs and opened the door to the laundry room. When I turned the light on, I saw something scurry away under the freezer. I moved quickly. I didn't get a good look at it but it was big (bigger than even the biggest centipede I've ever seen) It was dark (brown or black) and it neither looked nor moved like a mouse. With the help of a friend who happened to be visiting, I moved the freezer out, but found nothing. Whatever it was had disappeared. It was again a mystery. Now, periodically, I go down to the laundry room at night with a flashlight so that I don't have to turn the overhead light on, point it into the laundry room and suddenly let it shine. So far, I've seen no further evidence of the creature's presence. It remains a mystery.

Thankfully, I'm fairly comfortable with mystery. That's one of the great advantages of being a life of faith — one has to become comfortable with mystery, because there's so much about our lives and our world that we can't really understand fully. How did we get here? How did the universe start? How did life start?

I know science has answers for those questions and I personally have no particular quarrels about either the Big Bang or evolution. But I don't know how such processes started. I'll likely never know. Perhaps only God knows. Here's where mystery really comes to the fore in a life of faith.

There's so much I don't know about God. I can reconcile the Big Bang or evolution with the existence of God. I see nothing in the Bible, for example, that would prevent either from being the means by which God created. I can see the universe as the work of God.

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■ **VOTING:** We're incredibly fortunate to live where we do

# Election season is heating up

I have nothing but the utmost of respect for anybody who puts forward his or her name for public office.

And I have even more respect for those who decide to run locally, for either their municipal council or for regional council.

Nothing against our provincial and federal representatives, it's just that the local folks do so much for their municipal constituents, and they do it for a lot less money and a lot less pension.

Even after all these years of covering politics and politicians, I refuse to get cynical to the point where I can't appreciate what our local politicians do.

When we give it some thought, politics at the local municipal level is what tends to affect our lives most directly. And again,



**George Duma**  
BY GEORGE

that's not meant to take away from the importance of decisions made at the provincial or federal level — whether they are health-related or education-related or whatever — but local decisions are the ones that come to our front doors week to week.

Lord knows our local politicians don't do what they do for the cash. The last I checked, they get what, just a little under nine grand a year for being a councillor in Port? For the time and effort they all put in, I think that works out to about four dollars an hour, if that. If I'm exaggerating, it's not by

much.

On Oct. 25, we go to the polls to elect a mayor and eight councillors, two for each of our four wards.

Wainfleet elects four councillors and a mayor. There are some fantastic candidates running in Port's four wards. I'm not going to go through them all because that would just be silly.

Besides, the Tribune is doing an excellent job in keeping us abreast of who's running where and what the platforms are.

We also have two excellent candidates running for both regional council in Dave Barrick and Bob Saracino and for the mayor's chair in Vance Badawey and Frank DiBartolomeo. These are four really classy, distinguished

gentlemen and I wish all four of them well in the coming weeks.

I thought about running in Ward 1, where I live, but my employment situation prevented any thoughts from turning to reality. Besides, I think we have one of the best slates of candidates in the entire city. I can honestly say they would all make good councillors — but we have to pick two.

It's going to be a tough choice.

My friend Doug Hark and I have had a few conversations leading up to the cutoff for announcing candidacy and I received a few really kind e-mails from kind people wishing me well if I did run. For that, I'm extremely grateful. And thank you. But



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## ■ DUMA

## Councillors deserve more credit than they get

## FROM PAGE A5

My point is, the job of being on council is difficult enough without it being made more difficult by external forces. The folks who serve us deserve a lot more credit than they sometimes get.

My only regret is not being in a position to get more involved with elections. Although I'm not longer the managing editor of

The Tribune, I am still the managing editor of a newspaper, The Niagara News, the paper of record for Niagara College.

I am also a newspaper editor for the former Canwest Editorial Services, now Postmedia. It means I must always maintain an impartiality.

Is it at times frustrating? Of course.

Obviously, if I lived in Wainfleet, I would vote for

my brother-in-law Andrew Watts.

That I'm sure, would be fairly obvious to everyone. He's more than my brother-in-law, he's the older brother I never had and one of my closest, dearest and most-trusted friends, a true confidant with whom I can discuss absolutely anything on the planet. He doesn't judge. And he does out sagely advice. How could I not vote for him?

But after all is said and done, I can't be seen to support anyone, not if I hope to maintain any journalistic credibility.

Don't get me wrong. I absolutely love the career path I've chosen. I can't imagine spending the last 30 years doing anything else. It's been incredibly fulfilling on a professional and personal level.

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Dated at Port Colborne this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2010.

## ■ DUMA

## Exercise your privilege

## FROM PAGE A6

But each time an election rolls around, be it municipal, provincial or federal, part of me wishes I could get more involved, on a deeper level than simply covering it.

But I can't, and that's fine. It's what it is. What I will say, however, is what I have said in my editorials in The Tribune all those years we covered election after election.

I don't care who you vote for. There are so many qualified people running in both Port and Wainfleet and any combination of them would make up excellent councils.

I simply implore everyone who is eligible to make the effort and get out and vote. Democracy is not a right.

It's a privilege. To paraphrase Winston Churchill, democracy is the worst form of government on Earth — except for all the others.

So until we find something better, let's take full advantage of what we have. On Oct. 25 or at one of the advance polls, I beg you to go and place your "X" where you think it should go.

And as you're doing it, please remember how lucky you are for the opportunity.

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## ■ PETS

## The Scent Hounds of Group 2 - Part 1



Sandie Bingley  
IT'S A DOG'S LIFE

We are starting off the Scent Hounds with the scenting hounds closest to the ground. The Dachshunds are long and low in body with very short legs, but with a long head, nose and tail. They were developed this way "dachs" means "badger" in German and the word "hund" means "dog".

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TRUSTEE NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD (one to be elected by the English Language Separate School electors of the municipalities of Port Erie, Port Colborne and Wainfleet)

TRUSTEE CONSEIL DE DISTRICT CATHOLIQUE CENTRE-SUD (one to be elected by the French Language Separate School electors of the municipalities of Port Erie, Port Colborne, Wainfleet and Wexford)

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<b>Advance Polls</b>		
<b>DATE / TIME</b>	Saturday, October 9, 2010,	10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
	Saturday, October 16, 2010,	10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
	Wednesday, October 20, 2010,	10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
<b>LOCATION</b>	Wainfleet Arena, Moore Street, 19417 Park Street, Wainfleet	
<b>Regular Polls</b>		
<b>DATE / TIME</b>	Monday, October 25, 2010,	10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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## ■ DOGS

### FROM PAGE A7

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The Basenji is an ancient African breed and was given as gifts to the Pharaohs of Egypt. These little dogs were prized for their speed, intelligence and great courage. In Africa, they were used to chase game into large nets for capture. Also they were used to hunt and kill the leopards, long-toothed river rats. These rats were very vicious and at the same

size as the Basenji weighing up to 20 pounds.

Today Basenjis weigh about 24 pounds and have a smooth short coat which makes them an easy dog to care for. They are devoted to their family but are very aloof with strangers and non-family members.

*Next Time: Scott Hounds of Group 2 - Part 2*

## ■ G20 SUMMIT: Plaintiff lawyer Eric Gillespie helped Port Colborne residents successfully sue Vale (Inco)

# Uncharged demonstrators seek \$45M

DAVE JOHNSON  
InPort News Staff

TORONTO — Niagara residents who were caught up in mass arrests during the G20 protests in June could be part of a \$45-million

class-action lawsuit against Toronto police and federal government agencies.

"The proposed class is for people who were arrested or detained, but never charged over the course of the G20 protests on June 26 and 27 in Toronto," said lawyer Eric Gillespie, of Eric K. Gillespie Professional Corp.

"We're estimating around 800 people that we know of at this point," said the Toronto-based lawyer.

Gillespie is familiar to Port Colborne and area residents as the lawyer who led a class action lawsuit against nickel giant Vale (formerly Inco).

He was successful in obtaining a \$36-million judgment against the company, which has since filed an appeal.

The lawyer, whose firm has been working in the class action field for a number

of years, teamed up with another firm, Kilpensteins Barristers and Solicitors, with significant expertise in class actions and Charter of Rights issues.

"The principal lawyer is Murray Kilpenstein, who is best known for representing the estate of Dudley George and his family," said Gillespie.

The plaintiff representing the class action, said, is Sherry Good, a 51-year-old office administrator.

Good, Gillespie said, was walking home from work on June 27 when she decided to join an informal demonstration.

The lawyer said she was caught in a police technique known as "kettling." Kettling involved people being encircled by a wall of police officers and detained. Good was eventually released, but was never charged.

Gillespie said during the protests a number of people from the Toronto legal community were involved as human rights monitors. Those people were trained by the Canadian Civil Liberties Association and many of them started to be arrested during the protests along with everyone else.

"Many people in the legal community became very concerned when the full scope of what occurred started to become known. That concern resulted in discussions that led to a class action being commenced," said Gillespie.

The class action was filed in early August and it could take up to a year before a certification motion hearing takes place. At that point, it could be rejected by the court or it could be allowed to move forward, see CLASS ACTION | A19

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# CITY HALL NEWS

A Newsletter written by Staff for the Residents of Port Colborne

OCTOBER 2010

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## COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PLANS & NEW OFFICIAL PLAN

# Construction Ongoing on Main Street BUSINESSES ARE OPEN!

The revitalization of Main Street is well underway. Construction began in late July and the project is on schedule, slated for completion by December 1, 2010. Main Street and all businesses along it will remain open throughout the duration of construction. Any questions regarding the construction works along Main Street can be directed to Jim Huppenen, Manager of Engineering Services at [jimhuppenen@portcolborne.ca](mailto:jimhuppenen@portcolborne.ca) or 905-835-2901 ext. 221.

With the creation of the Port Colborne Gateway Business Improvement Area, encompassing the Old Humberstone Main Street Area, the City is now accepting applications for the Community Improvement Plan Financial Incentive Programs. The application and incentive program information are available online at [www.portcolborne.ca/page/Main\\_Street\\_CIP](http://www.portcolborne.ca/page/Main_Street_CIP) or at City Hall. Please contact Lindsay Richardson, Community Policy Planner at [lindsayrichardson@portcolborne.ca](mailto:lindsayrichardson@portcolborne.ca) or 905-835-2901 ext. 129 to make an application or for more information on the available funding opportunities.



## Downtown Central Business District Community Improvement Plan, Urban Design Guidelines, Streetscape Plan and Traffic Study

The Community Improvement Plan for the Downtown Central Business District is complete! The statutory public meeting was held on August 23, 2010 and Council considered the final Community Improvement Plan at its meeting on September 13, 2010. Copies of the final documents including the Community Improvement Plan, Traffic Impact Study for West Street and Urban Design Guidelines are available on the City's website at [www.portcolborne.ca/page/Downtown\\_CBD\\_CIP](http://www.portcolborne.ca/page/Downtown_CBD_CIP). With recent funding approval totalling \$100,000.00 from the South Niagara Community Futures Development Corporation, the City will be issuing a Request for Proposal (RFP) to create detailed design drawings of targeted areas in order to begin streetscape improvements within the Downtown Central Business District. For information on the Downtown CIP or to make application for funding under the incentive plans available, please contact: Lindsay Richardson at [lindsayrichardson@portcolborne.ca](mailto:lindsayrichardson@portcolborne.ca) or 905-835-2901 ext. 129.

## Brownfield Strategy / Community Improvement Plan

The Brownfield Strategy and Community Improvement Plan is complete. Brownfields are abandoned, idled or underused industrial and commercial properties where redevelopment is complicated by real or perceived environmental contamination. The CIP outlines specific municipal programs and actions designed to encourage private sector investment in cleaning up and redeveloping brownfield sites. This will help to improve the environmental, economic and social conditions in employment areas and neighborhoods in Port Colborne. Program Guides for each of the incentive programs as well as a copy of the full Strategy and Community Improvement Plan are available on the City website at [www.portcolborne.ca/page/brownfields\\_CIP](http://www.portcolborne.ca/page/brownfields_CIP) for review. For information on the Brownfield CIP or to make application for funding under the incentive plans available, please contact: Lindsay Richardson at [lindsayrichardson@portcolborne.ca](mailto:lindsayrichardson@portcolborne.ca) or 905-835-2901 ext. 129.

## The City of Port Colborne New Official Plan (Adopted 2006)

In 2006, City Council adopted the City of Port Colborne New Official Plan. The Region of Niagara, as the final approval authority for Official Plans, has not yet formally approved the 2006 Official Plan. Since 2006, there have been a number of changes to the provincial and regional policies to which the City's Official Plan is required to comply. Planning staff have worked to revise, update and improve the adopted "New Official Plan" in order to incorporate these changes and move forward with Regional approval. An open house will be held in the near future to present the changes needed to the Official Plan for public review and comment. The City of Port Colborne Official Plan will be a comprehensive document representing the planning goals for the municipality and identifying where and how the City will grow over the next 25 years. For information on the Official Plan and the proposed changes, please contact: Lindsay Richardson at [lindsayrichardson@portcolborne.ca](mailto:lindsayrichardson@portcolborne.ca) or 905-835-2901 ext. 129.

# Economic Development Strategy Adopted by Council

Future economic development initiatives by the City of Port Colborne will be guided by a new economic development strategy that was formally adopted and approved by City Council on July 26, 2010.

Port Colborne's first comprehensive economic development strategy was the result of many months of collaboration between the City, the business community, and residents who collectively identified opportunities for growth and prosperity that will strengthen Port Colborne's economy.

The new strategy identifies five priority areas for the City to focus its economic development efforts and includes action plans to help guide the community through the next five years.

Attracting and supporting the growth of entrepreneurs and professionals operating from home offices or non-traditional location destinations is a priority area identified in the strategy. Successful sole proprietorship ventures hold great potential for future growth expansion, providing new sources for local job creation and employment. Sole proprietors are attracted to

the high quality of life and diverse features that Port Colborne offers. More direct marketing tools are needed to reach these individuals to promote Port Colborne as a location for their home and office.

Port Colborne's long tradition of manufacturing excellence is recognized as a foundation for future economic growth and development. The strategy recommends that industrial land be made available for new "greenfield" investments in the city and existing manufacturers are to be supported in efforts to break into new markets and expand operations. Port Colborne's location and prominence as a growing multi-modal logistics hub, another focus area, helps the growth of the manufacturing sector. Through increasing transportation links and augmenting connections to markets in Canada and the United States, Port Colborne can position itself to succeed in the transportation sector. This includes the creation of a Gateway Economic Zone and Centre in cooperation with Regional and the Provincial governments.

The tourism and culture sector continues to hold great potential for Port Colborne as a destination to a growing number of visitors to Niagara. Through the creation of new attractions and accommodations and increased targeted marketing, Port Colborne can position itself to capture a share of this important driver of Niagara's economy.

The final area of focus in the strategy is government services. There is a strong need for the current public services in Port Colborne to be retained and expanded, including restoration of acute health-care services to the community. There is strong potential for Port Colborne to host advanced skills training centres or even a satellite campus of a university or college.

Port Colborne's new economic development strategy builds upon existing efforts by the City's Economic Development, Tourism and Marketing Department in such areas as business retention and expansion and the marketing of Port Colborne as a tourist destination. The strategy's action plans and recommendations will be incorporated into existing initiatives to help bring new investment and growth to Port Colborne's economy. The City looks forward to working with the business community and residents at large in completing this important work.

With financial support being provided by the Province of Ontario's Communities in Transition program, the economic development strategy initiative was facilitated by the consulting firm of Miller Dickinson Bias Inc. City Councillors, senior staff, stakeholders and the consultants identified priorities and opportunities for retaining, expanding and/or diversifying local key business activities including: fabricated metals manufacturing, distribution and logistics, bio-business/agri-food innovation, food processing, and tourism. For more information, or to obtain a copy of the strategy, please contact the Economic Development, Tourism and Marketing Department at 905-834-1668.



## PORT COLBORNE TARGETS WIND ENERGY INVESTMENT

Port Colborne is looking to capitalize on opportunities in the growing green energy industry sector.

During a special meeting of City Council held on September 8, representatives from the private sector joined with municipal and regional business development officials to begin work on promoting Port Colborne as a leading manufacturing centre for the wind energy industry in Ontario. Discussions on marketing the city's new wind energy manufacturing cluster follow Ontario's recent adoption of a report on industrial park development within the city.

According to Mayor Vance Bodewy, now is the time for the city to move "aggressively forward" on marketing the assets that make Port Colborne an obvious location for the manufacturing and transport of wind energy turbines and related components. "Wind energy manufacturers would be able to take full advantage of the city's available lands, multi-modal transportation, location, infrastructure, and current industrial supply chain," said Bodewy. "Our city's location on the Great Lakes and a well-established manufacturing base makes Port Colborne a one-stop location for wind energy manufacturing operations."

The proposed wind energy manufacturing cluster includes nearly 400 hectares of land located in various locations throughout Port Colborne. Conceptual drawings presented by Rankin Construction, one of the private sector companies working with the City on the wind energy manufacturing initiative, call for the manufacturing of wind turbines to take place on a 48.3-hectare site along the Welland Canal off Highway 140 on Ramsey Road, near Second Concession Road. An additional 437 hectares are available on the east side of the Canal south of the Clarence Street bridge for assembly and transportation. There are 140 hectares available on the present site of the Port Colborne quarries, off Highways 2 and 140, for supply of aggregate and land use for storage or manufacturing.

Demand for new investment in green energy manufacturing is being fueled in part by Ontario's Green Energy Act, which includes Part 17 in "Tiff" incentives aimed at boosting local manufacturing investment. Under the Act, 25 percent of the components for wind turbines must be manufactured within Ontario. That number will rise to 50 percent in 2012, further improving the marketplace for local manufacturers.

International wind energy manufacturing companies such as Sarnia-based Siemens are searching for new development-ready lands in Ontario. Local businesses and economic development professionals have already begun promoting Port Colborne's manufacturing culture to potential stakeholders, and will continue to do so at various wind energy conferences and green energy related initiatives. "It's agreed that Port Colborne is the only site that can house a cluster of this magnitude," said Valerie Kahms, a representative from the Niagara Economic Development Corporation.

Members of the team that is participating on the promotion of the new wind energy manufacturing cluster include: Port Colborne Economic Development; Niagara Economic Development Corporation; Upper Lakes Marine and Industrial; and Rankin Construction.

## Humberstone Hall an "Excellent Example" of How to Increase Accessibility

Port Colborne's newly renovated Humberstone Hall was showcased to the national news media on July 28, 2010 during a federal government accessibility tour.

The Honourable Steven Fletcher, Minister of State (Democratic Reform) chose Humberstone Hall as the location to announce that organizations could apply for grants of up to \$75,000 for projects that will improve accessibility for people with disabilities and enable them to participate fully in their communities.

The historic Humberstone Hall received \$50,000 from the Enabling Accessibility Fund in 2008. To improve the accessibility of this building, the City installed automatic door openers, widened an interior doorway, and made the washrooms accessible. The accessibility upgrades were part of a \$78,000 restoration to the circa 1852 building which is home to the city's visitor's centre and chamber of commerce.

"It's here because this facility is an excellent example of how the city and the federal government have worked together to create a facility that is accessible to all. This is a prime example of this success," Fletcher said.

The Enabling Accessibility Fund was originally announced in 2007 to be a three-year, \$45-million program to support community-based projects across Canada. Since the first call for proposals in 2008, over 300 organizations have been awarded funding to improve accessibility in their communities.

Port Colborne Mayor Vance Bodewy said there's "a great deal of pride and appreciation" in having the city's historic hall chosen to host such an important announcement. The hall, and its recent restoration, is a symbol of the new and improved gateway to the city, he said.

## Tourism Signage Upgrade Gets \$15,000 Boost from Ontario Trillium Foundation

The City of Port Colborne has received \$15,000 from the Ontario Trillium Foundation to install new tourism directional signage in and around Port Colborne.

The need for improved tourism signage was identified in late 2008 when the city participated in the Ontario Government's First Impression Program. During a review process, it was determined that Port Colborne's existing tourism and welcome signage was in need of improvement in order to maximize its effectiveness in promoting local cultural and recreational attractions.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant will assist in completing a new network of trailblazer signs which direct visitors to nearly a dozen tourism attractions and amenities.

In addition to improving tourism signage, the City has undertaken several tourism-related initiatives aimed at bringing more visitors to Port Colborne. These include the development of new marketing materials such as a new visitor map, visitor guide, and redesigned website — all of which have been well received by tourism stakeholder groups and travellers.

This summer also marked the completion of an extensive renovation to historic Humberstone Hall which now houses the Port Colborne Visitor Information Centre and the Port Colborne-Waifairt Chamber of Commerce, providing the city with a full-service welcome centre operating seven days a week, year round.





## CAPTURE THE FALL PHOTO CONTEST



The air is turning cold and crisp, the leaves are changing colours, and the smell of apple pies and cider is in the air. It's time to celebrate Autumn in Port Colborne!

The City of Port Colborne is pleased to announce the latest theme in its 2010 Photography Contest Series: "Capture the Fall" in Port Colborne.

The stage is set for a beautiful foliage season, as forecasters are predicting an excellent fall season. Send us your images of autumn's richest golds, deepest yellows, and vibrant reds. Of course don't forget we would also like to see your best shot of giant gourds, ghosts and pumpkins, and skeletons of trees.

Fall fit into a frame and show us what it means to you, your digital photo could win a \$100 gift card to 627 Restaurant, one of Niagara's favourite casual fine dining experiences, right here in Port Colborne, on the Welland Canal.

The contest is open to residents and visitors to Port Colborne and photographers of all ages and abilities are invited to submit entries. Photo contest submissions are being accepted until Dec. 1, 2010. Up to five photographs per person may be submitted. There is no entry fee, however images submitted must be high-resolution, digital format.

### TIPS FOR PHOTO SUBMISSIONS:

- Photos can be of any location in Port Colborne
- Set your camera on the highest size/resolution to send us the best quality photo
- Avoid sending blurry, unclear or small photos
- People in photo must have consented to their picture being taken, or not be recognizable (i.e. in the background).

In December, the winning photo will be selected and featured on the City of Port Colborne's website and may be included in other print marketing produced for the City of Port Colborne. Complete contest rules, information and entry forms may be found at [www.portcolborne.ca](http://www.portcolborne.ca)

For more information please contact Erin Pozzebon, Marketing and Tourism Coordinator at 905-834-1668 ext. 233 or email at [erinpozzebon@portcolborne.ca](mailto:erinpozzebon@portcolborne.ca)

## DOORS OPEN Niagara: Port Colborne

On October 16-17, Port Colborne is participating in Doors Open Niagara. The Niagara region will celebrate its 8th Annual Binational Doors Open Niagara Weekend with free entry to 60 historic and architecturally significant buildings in the cross-border Niagara region.

Launched in 2002, Binational Doors Open Niagara featured cities, towns and villages on both sides of the international boundary, with heritage properties opening their doors to public tours, in many cases for the first time. Since its inaugural year, over 110,000 visitors have experienced the many treasures the Binational Niagara Region has to share. Returning this year is the popular "Art of Architecture" and "Architecture" photo contests. Photos of Doors Open Sites can be submitted from June 24 to October 30, for the full listing of sites and contest rules, visit [www.doorsopenniagara.ca](http://www.doorsopenniagara.ca).

Residents and visitors will have the opportunity to explore three of Port Colborne's historical treasures. Old Humbertown Township Hall at 76 Main Street. The newly renovated building is an excellent example of a mid-nineteenth century rural public building made from cut stone taken from the Welland Canal. The oldest portion of the building, with its multi-paned, arched windows and doors

of Palladian influence was designed by architect John Latschaw and was built by A.K. Schofield in 1852, at a cost of 250 pounds, and was the first town hall for Humbertown. The small addition to the rear (south) was used as a lodger for wayward travellers. The hall was designated in 1982.

The Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum at 280 King Street: Opened its doors to the public for the first time on May 31, 1975, in the former Arabella Williams' home. The Williams House, which contains the Main Exhibition area, is a clapboard Georgian Revival style home built in 1861. Buildings original to the desired property include the 1881 Williams Home, the 1870 Carriage House, the 1915 Arabella's Tea Room and the garage. All other buildings and structures were established on the grounds after 1975.

Talwood Manor Bed and Breakfast: This is a Century house, beautifully maintained and filled from new roof to original polished hardwood floors with period furniture, style and elegance. Talwood Manor features four themed bedrooms, a sitting room with fireplace and an impressive dining area allowing guests to gather and meet in comfort.

Port Colborne's Doors Open sites will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for free tours both Saturday and Sunday.

## HISTORIC WELLAND CANAL



### A PICTORIAL GUIDE TO THE PAST AND PRESENT OF THE WELLAND CANAL IN PORT COLBORNE

## Celebrating Port Colborne's Heritage

Experience the spectacular sites and atmosphere of Port Colborne with two newly revised self-guided walking tour guides released to coincide with Doors Open Niagara!

Historic Port Colborne – A Pictorial Guide to Port Colborne's Heritage Homes, Sites and Properties features 36 properties and will guide visitors and residents in learning about the people, landscapes, and historic buildings that bring Port Colborne's neighbourhoods to life.

The Historic Welland Canal Guide highlights 10 historical locations along the Welland Canal. It features the importance of the canal to our city and showcases the city's favourite locations to view the ships travelling to and from Lake Erie.

Both guides allow for visitors and residents to explore and discover Port Colborne's historical assets at their own pace, displaying Port Colborne's natural and cultural heritage, providing walking directions, detailed information and beautiful archival photographs.

Copies of the brochures will be available for pick-up at the Port Colborne Visitor Information Centre at 76 Main Street, at City Hall at 66 Charlotte Street, local attractions, businesses, and bed breakfasts, and neighbouring tourism information centres. For more information, visit [www.portcolborne.ca/page/historical-sites](http://www.portcolborne.ca/page/historical-sites).

# SMALL BUSINESS WEEK 2010 .... October 17-23!

- The City of Port Colborne has declared October 17-23, 2010 as Small Business Week in an effort to recognize the important role small business and entrepreneurship play in our local economy. The event coincides with Canada-wide Small Business Week celebrations, which are now in their 31st year.
- The theme of this year's Small Business Week, "Power Up Your Business. Invest. Innovate. Grow," reflects opportunities and challenges to small businesses as the global economy continues to recover. As the business climate continues to improve in Canada and Port Colborne, small businesses are responding with fresh and innovative thinking to move ahead in this era of growth. The City is contributing to this improving business climate by making several investments in the community aimed at fostering a strong business district. These include the reclamation of the Main Street Community Improvement Plan, the launch of a Downtown Port Colborne Community Improvement Plan, investments in the tourism sector, and the creation of Port Colborne's first Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan.
- Entrepreneurs and their innovative businesses are key to Canada's economic growth. By responding to the changing demands of the marketplace and creating jobs, entrepreneurs continue to be a primary force in driving the national economy.
- Stephen Thompson, Director of Economic Development, Tourism and

Marketing for the City of Port Colborne, notes the importance of small businesses in Port Colborne. "Port Colborne is a fortunate to have a mix of small and large employers which helps diversify our economy. The entrepreneurial spirit of our small businesses and companies, and their ability to compete on the national and international stages, is one of the major selling points when businesses consider investing in Port Colborne," Thompson also notes that the City's Business Development Department regularly assists small businesses in expansion and other opportunities, having worked with over 75 local businesses in 2009 on retention and expansion plans.

In recognition of Small Business Week, Port Colborne Economic Development, Tourism & Marketing Department, Port Colborne-Warfield Chamber of Commerce, South Niagara Community Futures Development Corporation, Business Development Opportunities Bank and Crawford, Smith & Swallow LLP have teamed to host an Open House and Business Reception on October 20. The event will be held at historic Humbertown Hall, the newly renovated home of Port Colborne's Visitor Information Centre and the Port Colborne-Warfield Chamber of Commerce, located at 76 Main Street, Port Colborne. For more information, contact the Port Colborne-Warfield Chamber of Commerce at 905-834-9765 or [office@pouchamber.com](mailto:office@pouchamber.com) or Port Colborne Economic Development, Tourism & Marketing at 905-834-1668 or [economicdevelopment@portcolborne.ca](mailto:economicdevelopment@portcolborne.ca).



## Is Your Family Prepared?

### GetPrepared.ca

#### BASIC EMERGENCY KIT

You may have some of these basic emergency kit items already, such as a flashlight, battery-operated radio, food, and water and blankets. The key is to make sure they are organized, easy to find and easy to carry (in a suitcase with wheels or in a backpack) in case you need to evacuate your home. Whatever you do, don't wait for a disaster to happen.

**Easy to carry** – think of ways that you can pack your emergency kit so that you and those on your emergency plan can easily take the items with you, if necessary.

- Water – two litres of water per person per day (include small bottles that can be carried easily in case of an evacuation order)
- Food – that won't spoil, such as canned food, energy bars and dried foods (remember to replace the food and water once a year)
- Manual can opener
- Flashlight and batteries
- Battery-powered or wind-up radio (and extra batteries)
- First aid kit
- Special needs items – prescription medications, infant formula or equipment for people with disabilities
- Extra keys – for your car and house
- Cash – include smaller bills, such as \$10 bills (travellers cheques are also useful) and change for payphones
- Emergency Plan – include a copy of it and ensure it contains in-town and out-of-town contact information
- Did you know – two litres of water per person per day is the recommended amount to have on hand in case of emergency.

## 72 Hours...Is your family prepared?

If an emergency happens in your community, it may take emergency workers some time to reach you. You should be prepared to take care of yourself and your family for a minimum of 72 hours.

## CANDLES

### A GLOWING CONCERN

Keep candles out of the reach of children and pets.

Remember to snuff out your candles if you are leaving the room or going to bed.



#### TIME FOR A CHECK UP.



Protect your family against fire and deadly carbon monoxide. Have your heating system examined annually by a qualified service technician.



Port Colborne Fire & Emergency Services  
**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**

# KICK-OFF

**Saturday Oct. 2, 2010**

**10am - 2pm**

**KIDS!!!**  
**Come and visit SPARKY!**

- Fire Safety • Face Painting
- Target Practice
- Palmation Scouney with Slide
- D.P.P. Vehicle Roll Over Demonstrator
- Niagara Regional Police Dog Demonstration 11am-NOON
- Technical Rescue Demonstration 12:30-1:30
- Fire Prevention Draws
- Free Hot Dogs and Pop
- Prizes and much more!

**Carbon Monoxide Detectors**  
(Battery back up)

**\$15**

**SMOKE ALARMS**  
a sound you can live with!



The name and the image of Sparky are registered trademarks of the NFPA.

RAIN OR SHINE

**Bring a Food Item For The Lion's Club Food Drive**

## One Smoke Alarm is not ENOUGH!



Most fatal fires occur at night, while people are asleep. Poisonous gases and smoke from a fire can numb the senses in a very short time. That's why every home needs smoke alarms to wake you up in time to escape. A smoke alarm on every level of your home and outside sleeping areas is a requirement of the Ontario Fire Code. Test your smoke alarms regularly to make sure they work and change the batteries every six (6) months.

**REMEMBER: ONLY A WORKING SMOKE ALARM CAN SAVE YOUR LIFE!**

**Need help installing your smoke alarm,  
PLEASE CONTACT PORT COLBORNE FIRE  
& EMERGENCY SERVICES 905-834-4512**



## Port Colborne Health & Wellness Centre

# update

In 2008 the City applied for funding assistance from the Federal and Provincial Governments to construct a Health & Wellness Centre in the City of Port Colborne. We were fortunate to have been approved to receive almost \$14M towards the design and construction of the project along with \$3M already provided by the Province. The new facility will be located at the T.A. Lannan Sports Park on Elizabeth Street at the east end of the City. This building will replace the ageing Teeder Kennedy Arena, West Side Arena and Centennial Pool.

Below is a timeline of the progress of the Port Colborne Health & Wellness Centre:

### Design and Development

In May 2009 the City of Port Colborne engaged MHMP Project Managers to assist with the design and development of the new Port Colborne Health & Wellness Centre. A review of the building program, the schedule and the project budget was undertaken immediately. In addition a Request for Proposal was prepared to hire a Prime Design Consultant team.

In August 2009, MacLennan Jaunkalns Miller Architects (JMM) won a hotly contested competition to provide design services to the City. The initial work began in September 2009 to reconfirm the projected cost and to begin developing a design to provide spaces capable of accommodating a multitude of activities. It had already been determined that the program for the new centre would include two new NHL sized rinks, a pool and an indoor track.

On December 9, 2009, a drop in Open House was held in the Council Chambers where the public had the opportunity to speak with staff, the Project Manager and the Architects and review the designs, program options and associated costs.

### Tender process

- Tender was issued July 20, 2010.
- The tender closing date was extended to August 19, 2010.
- Six (6) bids were received of the eight (8) prequalified General Contractors.
- The bids were opened publicly shortly after 4:30 p.m.

### Cost/Budgeting

Based on the Pre-tender estimate, the bids received were anticipated to come in under budget.

All six (6) bids submitted were compliant but exceeded the City's budget. The lowest bid was approximately \$4 million over budget.

Numerous cost saving strategies were considered and the impact of cost savings was discussed with the low bidder.

### Options to Council

Four (4) options were reviewed with the Committee and presented at a special Council meeting held September 7, 2010.

- Option 1: Cancel tender and abandon the project – rejected.
- Option 2a: Award the project as tendered – rejected.
- Option 2b: Accept tender with proposed cost reduction – rejected.
- Option 3: Re-qualify and retender – accepted.

### Option 3 Approach

Proceeding with Option 3 entails additional time to modify the design and tender in early 2011.

A substantial amount of time will have passed making it appropriate to re-qualify General Contractors (GC's).

The revised construction date will be spring 2011 with completion in late 2012. No additional design fees will be required to modify the existing design.

The re-tender will include value engineering reductions and a timeframe better suited for competitive bidding and may necessitate an adjustment to the total scope of the project. The basic program required to meet the Canada Build Funding will not change.

Council accepted the motion to obtain additional information on the dome concept. Tender documents have been made available to have Monolithic Dome Technologies prepare a detailed proposal.

### Schedule

- Prequalify GC's (November 2010)
- Retender with Value Management reductions & options (January 2011)
- Award tender (early March 2011)
- Start construction (late March/April 2011)
- Total Completion (Winter 2012)

More information regarding the new Health and Wellness Centre can be found on the City's website at [www.portcolborne.ca](http://www.portcolborne.ca).





### THE CITY OF PORT COLBORNE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS 2010

#### NOTICE OF VOTE, ADVANCE VOTING AND VOTING BY PROXY *Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (s. 40)*

**NOTICE** is hereby given to the municipal electors of the City of Port Colborne that voting will be held upon the dates and at the times and places stated in this notice for the purpose of electing persons to the following offices:

Mayor (one to be elected at large by all electors)

Councillor Ward One (two to be elected)  
Councillor Ward Two (two to be elected)  
Councillor Ward Three (two to be elected)  
Councillor Ward Four (two to be elected)

Regional Councillor (one to be elected at large by all electors)

Trustee – District School Board of Niagara (one to be elected at large by the English Language Public School electors of the municipalities of the City of Port Colborne, the Town of Fort Erie and the Township of Wainfleet)

Trustee – Niagara Catholic District School Board (one to be elected at large by the English Language Separate School electors of the municipalities of the City of Port Colborne, the Town of Fort Erie and the Township of Wainfleet)

Membre du Conseil Scolaire de District Catholique Centre-Sud (one to be elected at large by the French Language Separate School electors of the municipalities of Port Colborne, Welland, Fort Erie, Pelham and Wainfleet)

Acclamations have been declared for the following offices:

Membre - du Conseil Scolaire de District Catholique Centre-Sud-Ouest (French Language Public School Board) - Ronald A. Marion

#### ADVANCE POLLS:

DATES: Saturday, October 16, 2010 and Wednesday, October 20, 2010  
LOCATION: Municipal Offices, 66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne  
TIME: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Those electors requiring special assistance are encouraged to vote at an Advance Poll.

#### REGULAR POLLS:

DATE/TIME: Monday, October 25, 2010, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Voter Notification Cards are being sent to all persons on the Voters' List in late September to mid-October indicating the polling place where they may vote. It will facilitate voting if electors present their card at the Poll. If you are an eligible voter but do not receive a card or you need more information, please contact the Clerk's Office at 905-835-2900 or visit the City's website at [www.portcolborne.ca](http://www.portcolborne.ca).

#### PROXY APPLICATIONS:

Any qualified elector may appoint another person who is a qualified elector in the same municipality to vote on his/her behalf. For more information and the form "Appointment for Proxy Voting" please contact the Office of the City Clerk, Municipal Offices, 66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne or 905-835-2900. A person nominated as a voting proxy must make application to the clerk for a certificate to vote by proxy before 5:00 p.m. on October 25, 2010.

Ashley Grigg, City Clerk  
& Returning Officer  
September 17, 2010

Documents related to the 2010 Municipal Election, including this notice, are available in an alternative format upon request.

#### Candidates for the 2010 Municipal Election

Mayor (one to be elected at large by all electors)

Vance M. Badzawy  
Frank DiBertolomeo

Councillor Ward One (two to be elected)

David B. Elliott  
Nora L. Natter  
Dan O'Hara  
Peter Opdam  
Bill Steele

Councillor Ward Two (two to be elected)

Casey Bilko  
Angie Desmarais  
Yvon A. Doucet  
Pierre Kountouris

Councillor Ward Three (two to be elected)

Gary C. Bruno  
Frank M. Danch  
Bea Kerney  
Douglas Shibley

Councillor Ward Four (two to be elected)

Rob Sadner  
Barbara Butters  
Kate Leigh

Regional Councillor (one to be elected at large by all electors)

David Barrick  
Bob S. Saracino

Trustee – District School Board of Niagara (one to be elected at large by the English Language Public School electors of the municipalities of the City of Port Colborne, the Town of Fort Erie and the Township of Wainfleet)

Gregg Dams  
Michael Kamatovic  
Dave Schaubel

Trustee – Niagara Catholic District School Board (one to be elected at large by the English Language Separate School electors of the municipalities of the City of Port Colborne, the Town of Fort Erie and the Township of Wainfleet)

John A. Dekker  
Dino P. Sicoli

Membre du Conseil Scolaire de District Catholique Centre-Sud (one to be elected at large by the French Language Separate School electors of the municipalities of Port Colborne, Welland, Fort Erie, Pelham and Wainfleet)

Jules Lérouneau  
Carole Racette

Acclamations have been declared for the following offices:

Membre - du Conseil Scolaire de District du Centre-Sud-Ouest (French Language Public School Board) - Ronald A. Marion

## 2010 Municipal Election



**Monday, October 25** is the day eligible Port Colborne voters determine who will serve as the City's Mayor, City Council, Regional Council and School Board Trustees for the next four years. This election year, we've made it even easier, and more accessible, for you to vote and to find information about voting in Port Colborne.

Our website is a great source of information about the Election. Check it out at [www.portcolborne.ca](http://www.portcolborne.ca) or come to the Municipal Offices at 66 Charlotte Street to look at the lobby display. We think you'll find everything there you need to know but if you do have any questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact us at 905-835-2900.

### It's your Port Colborne. Vote!

For the 2010 Election an elector is required to present the prescribed proof of identity and residence to receive a ballot. View the list of acceptable documents at [www.portcolborne.ca](http://www.portcolborne.ca) or at the Municipal Offices. In addition, please bring your Voter Notification Card to the polling place.



### IS YOUR NAME ON THE VOTERS' LIST? 2010 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

The Voters' List for the City of Port Colborne is now available for inspection at the locations listed below:

The Municipal Offices, 66 Charlotte St., Port Colborne  
between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

The Port Colborne Public Library, 310 King Street, Port Colborne  
during regular library hours.

You are invited to visit one of these locations or to contact the Office of the City Clerk by telephone or e-mail to determine if your name is on the Voters' List and that your information appears correctly. If your name is not on the Voters' List or the information appears incorrectly, you must complete an application for the addition, deletion or correction for your information.

Revisions must be made on the proper form and are available at the Office of the City Clerk or on the City's website at [www.portcolborne.ca](http://www.portcolborne.ca). An application to amend the voters' list must be filed in person, mailed or delivered by your representative to the Office of the City Clerk.

The Voters' List revision period ends at 8:00 p.m. on Voting Day, October 25, 2010.

Ashley Grigg  
City Clerk/ Returning Officer

Documents related to the 2010 Municipal Election, including this notice, are available in an alternative format upon request.

# Port Colborne Historical & Marine Museum

## Exhibits and Events

As we enter another season, exhibits and events continue at the Port Colborne Museum until the end of the year. Not only can you visit our 10th exhibits on King Street but our exhibits have legs! If you're travelling to Toronto stop by the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to see *Stories in Stitches* at Queen's Park. This popular exhibit on Port Colborne's weaving and textile heritage will be on display there from September 2010 to March 2011.

You may want to visit us as part of a day out during 8th Annual Doors Open Niagara 2010. This year's event will be held Saturday, October 16th and Sunday, October 17th, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Continuing from 2009, the theme is "The Visionaries Behind the Scenes," highlighting the founders, architects and builders of these special sites. At 280 King St., learn more about this house and property Port Colborne now calls a museum.

Celebrate the decorative and luxurious with us during the holiday season. From mid November to December 20th our winter exhibit will be in place, entitled *Ornaments of Society*. Besides feasting your eyes on artifacts once treasured by donors or their families, you will learn about Christmas ornaments that were created all over the world and eventually found homes in Port Colborne.

## The War of 1812 in the Sugarloaf Settlement

**SGT. JOHN FEDUCK, FIRST CANADIAN PARACHUTE BATTALION DONATES \$5,000 TO 1812 CHAIRMAN BRIAN HEASLIP TO START OFF THE FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN**

Although the Sugarloaf Settlement was not a battlefield site, the area certainly felt the ramifications of war. Sugarloaf Road was a main communication line between Port Erie and Grand River. Consequently, whoever controlled the road controlled this line of communication. Not only were soldiers spread out along the line, but a detachment known as the Norfolk militia, led by Capt. John Bostwick, defended the Sugarloaf area.

The Christian Zavitz Grist Mill was located along this line, near where Surfside Restaurant is today. During the war, the mill was most likely armed with artillery and soldiers as it was the economic life blood of the Sugarloaf Settlement and the Niagara area. The Zavitz Mill and the settlement were attacked 3

times and yet the mill still stood! In 1814, American renegades looted the Sugarloaf Settlement but their leader was mortally wounded by a militia guard stationed at the mill. These were the last shots fired in anger during the war on the Niagara Peninsula.

The Zavitz Mill stone is one of the only remaining relics from this important War of 1812 historical site. In preparation for the 200th Anniversary of the War of 1812-1814, the Port Colborne/Wainfleet War of 1812 Bicentennial Committee is dedicating the Zavitz Mill stone. It is being relocated from the Port Colborne Hospital to the high ground in H.H. Knoll Park; west of the Cenotaph, overlooking Sugarloaf Street. The stone is in the process of being refurbished with a new base made of granite. The installation and dedication of the Zavitz Mill Stone is planned for 2011.

Help the Committee celebrate two centuries of peace, cooperation and friendship between Canada and the United States of America by donating to the **Zavitz Mill Stone 'War of 1812' Memorial**. For information on donation rewards, or if you are interested in volunteering with the Bicentennial Celebrations contact **Brian Heaslip**, Chairman of the Port Colborne/Wainfleet War of 1812 Bicentennial Committee, or **Stephanie Powell-Baswick**, Museum Director/Curator at the **Port Colborne Museum**: 905-834-7604.

If you are interested in learning more about Port Colborne's involvement in the War of 1812, contact the Museum for a copy of "Scraples of Conscience: The War of 1812 in the Sugarloaf Settlement" by Donald G. Anger.

## Expand your classroom to the Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum

This fall the Museum offers new programs for students from grades 1 to 8. The school programs consist of a mix of interactive presentations, discussions, demonstrations, hands-on activities, games and projects to take home. The themes of the programs range from pioneer life, marine heritage, early transportation and community, to winter celebration and tradition. The tours run approximately 90 minutes and tie directly into the Ontario Education Curriculum, particularly the social studies aspect. We look forward to welcoming you and your class this fall to the Museum. Ask about the new 1/2 day programs we are planning for spring 2011. For more information call Michelle Mason at 905-834-7604.



## DO YOU NEED A FAMILY PHYSICIAN?

**Dr. Haibo Xu is accepting patients.**

**Where: Port Colborne Hospital  
289-478-1015**

**Forms are available at  
City Hall and at Dr. Xu's Clinic.**



**NEED MORE INFORMATION?  
Joanne Ferraccioli 905-835-2900**

## Thank You... to our VOLUNTEERS!

*With the Thanksgiving holiday soon upon us, I extend, on behalf of members of Council, my heartfelt thanks to citizens who have given their time and energy to our city.*

*Hundreds of volunteers work behind the scenes and at the front lines of major festivals and traditional events throughout the year, as well as so many who serve on civic boards and committees and service organizations.*

*Thank you, each and every one, for your commitment and loyalty to our great city. Port Colborne is as proud of you as you are of it.*

**— MAYOR VANCE BADAWAY**

## OUR DRINKING WATER

The City of Port Colborne's Water Distribution System is approximately 103 km in length and is constructed from a variety of materials including:

- PVC (plastic) 51.5%
  - Cast Iron 39.4%
  - Asbestos-Cement 4.3%
  - Ductile Iron 3.6%
  - Steel 0.68%
  - Other (PE, Concrete) 0.27%
- The oldest watermain in our City that are currently in service were constructed in 1920!
- 31 watermain breaks occurred in our Distribution System in 2008; 9 in 2009
  - On average, 13% of municipally treated water in the province is lost in pipeline leaks – up to 30% in some communities. The City of Port Colborne is implementing a Flow Monitoring Project in an effort to reduce our water loss.
  - The City's water consumption is declining every year. In 2005, the City purchased 2.83 million litres of water from the province. In 2003, the City purchased 4.51 million litres of water.

## DIY YOU KNOW...

- The City must have a Municipal Drinking Water License and a Drinking Water Works Permit, issued by the Ministry of the Environment to build, operate and maintain the distribution system
- The City must have a documented Quality Management System that meets the requirements of the Drinking Water Quality Management Standard
- City staff that works on the Distribution System must be Certified Water Operators. City staff that collects and analyzes Distribution System samples must be Certified Water Quality Analysts
- All required sampling and analysis activities are conducted as detailed in the Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002 and associated regulations

If you have any questions or would like more information about the City's drinking water, please visit our website at [www.portcolborne.ca](http://www.portcolborne.ca) and click on the Water Quality link under the Popular Pages section. Or, you can contact Darlene Suddard, the Water/Wastewater Compliance Coordinator at [darlene.suddard@portcolborne.ca](mailto:darlene.suddard@portcolborne.ca) or at 905-835-2901 ext. 212.



PORT COLBORNE



## MAYOR'S YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL PORT COLBORNE

Meet every other Monday at City Hall in Port Colborne. We recently have had many successful events, including car washes, barbecues, Rock in the Park, and most recently the Youth Area at Canal Days. We are actively recruiting new members, and would love to meet you.

Call Shawna Eden, at 905-835-2900 extension 130 or email: [myac@portcolborne.ca](mailto:myac@portcolborne.ca) for more information!



## PORT COLBORNE PUBLIC LIBRARY

### FALL PROGRAMMING AT THE LIBRARY

#### PA DAY ACTIVITIES:

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2010:**  
Story Time with Derek Miller.  
10:00 am – 11:00 am.  
Ages 6 and under. Free.  
Crafts for Kids (ages 5 to 7).  
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## ■ CLASS ACTION

## FROM PAGE A10

In addition to the \$45-million claim in damages, Gillespie said the plaintiff and lawyers will be asking the court for a declaration in relation to charter issues.

"Specifically, the plaintiff will ask the court for a declaration regarding allegations of breaches of the Charter of Rights, things

like freedom of speech, the right to assemble and the right to legal counsel."

Gillespie said the defendants in the proposed class-action are the Toronto Police Services Board, the legal entity that represents Toronto police, and the Attorney General of Canada, the legal entity of the RCMP and other federal security services

that were involved in the G20 weekend.

Anyone wanting more information on the proposed class action should go to the website [www.g20classaction.ca](http://www.g20classaction.ca).

Gillespie said there is information on the legal pleadings and a way to leave contact information.

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Zinc lozenges can decrease a cold's duration. Patients should be cautious not to overdose which can cause a copper deficiency. Also avoid zinc nasal sprays which can lead to a loss of smell.

Adequate levels of vitamin D have also been associated with fewer respiratory tract infections. It is important to get sufficient vitamin D for bone and cancer protection as well.

Vitamin C has also been shown to help treat colds, but it has not been shown to prevent them. Too much vitamin C (1 to 3 grams) per day can lead to diarrhea.

Cold-Fx Which comes from American Ginseng may reduce the severity of upper respiratory infections. It can be taken at the onset of a cold or as daily prevention over several months. It does have an effect on a patient's INR so it should not be taken by people on warfarin. As well patients who have autoimmune and other immune system disorders should avoid it.

Echinacea has been shown to decrease the severity and duration of colds in some people.

Dietary may help shorten some people's flu symptoms. The product with the most evidence for effectiveness is called Sambucol made by Nature's Way. It should be given within 48 hours of initial symptoms.

Studies in day care age children have shown that Lactobacillus probiotics added to milk products may also help to reduce upper respiratory infections.

Honey has been shown to calm nighttime cough in children. It seems to work just as well as cough suppressants. It should be avoided in children under a year of age because of the risk of botulism. The approximated doses are a half teaspoon for children between two and five, and one teaspoon for children six to eleven.

Products that have not shown much effectiveness include Airborne, Umcka ColdCare, astragalus, Asian ginseng, garlic, or osilicoonocum.

To be sure about the safety of the above products check to see if they have a Natural Product Number (NPN) from Health Canada. This shows the government has set standards of manufacturing for these companies and there is some quality assurance of the product.

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■ DAVIS

# The mystery keeps us going

## FROM PAGE A4

I can believe in Jesus as the Son of God. I can feel the presence of the Holy Spirit at the convinced by that feeling that God is here.

But still, there's mystery. God is surely greater than I or any of us can fully understand.

We believe what we believe.

We may believe what we believe with great passion, but realizing that there is more

to God than we can possibly understand fully reminds us as well that while we may believe what we

believe with great passion, we should also believe what we believe with great humility. Humility is one of the keys to a right relationship with God.

Living a life of humility in faith allows us to believe what we believe about God with passion, but belief without humility leads too easily into the trap of letting

our beliefs about God become our god — which results in not in passion but in fanaticism, which reflects not in humility but in arrogance, which leads not to love but to hatred, which causes us not to welcome others but to judge them.

None of those things reflect the gospel of Jesus Christ as I understand it.

I'm a minister in the United Church of Canada. I'll willingly admit that my denomination

has its problems. I think we're often not centered enough on Jesus. I think that while we talk a lot about Jesus, we don't really know sometimes what we mean by "Jesus." I think we're too bureaucratic and sometimes stifle God's Spirit. I don't think we think very well theologically — we make decisions and policies without thinking them through in the light of what we know about God. I think we're flustered on wanting to be popular but we forget that our calling is to be relevant — and popularity and relevance are not the same things. Least anyone read this and think, "Ah,

That's why I go to my church and not the United Church!" I think all denominations have their own sets of problems, and we sometimes make ourselves ignore them by focusing on the problems of others. One thing I do appreciate about the United Church, though, is that we have a comfort level with mystery and an understanding that faith is a journey rather than a destination, and that we should never allow ourselves to become self-satisfied or believe that we know all there is to know about God.

Our most recent Statement of Faith begins with these words:

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God is Holy Mystery. I will never know all there is to know about God, just as I may never know what beastie has taken up residence in our laundry room. But what I do know about God is enough. I believe that God came to us in Jesus, and from Jesus I know that while God may be Holy Mystery, God is also Wholly love.

That's enough to keep me going on this journey of faith. I hope it's enough for you.



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■ RETIREMENT: Carolyn Miller retires today

# The definition of professionalism

KAESHA FORAND  
InPort News

**PORT COLBORNE** Carolyn Miller has watched the Port Colborne police operations evolve over the past five decades.

Since 1966 she has been part of a police department that has seen constant change as technology and the role of police officers has evolved.

After 44 years as a district administration clerk, she is retiring today.

The date is significant, because on Oct. 1, 1966, she started a job she didn't believe she would like. She was a teenager.

When all her friends went to work at the local shoe factory she had considered joining them.

"I was going to Brock and the shoe factory was in full bloom, but my dad said I was not going to work in a factory."

Fast forward, and for years she's been highest on the seniority list of civilian employees for the police service.

Niagara Regional Police staff were shocked to hear of her pending retirement. Port Colborne District 6 Staff Sgt. Joe Garvey said Miller's humour and vast knowledge of Port Colborne, its citizens and the community will be missed.

"She was so well known and respected that people would call me ask non-police matters. She knows everything and everybody in the city."

One day an older gentle-



KAESHA FORAND Staff Photo

Carolyn Miller has watched Port Colborne's police department evolve since she started her civilian post Oct. 1, 1966. Today, she retires after 44 years of service as a district administration clerk.

man asked her if he should give up driving, so she called his children and spoke with them about the issue.

She also recalled a period of time when a man with dementia would visit her at the station and would be in distress at times. Miller would calm him with a few kind words and a cup of coffee.

"She is the definition of professionalism," Garvey

said. He will miss the small touches she brought to the office such as washing and

ironing tea towels in the office's kitchen every weekend, cheering up staff who have had a bad day, plus other maternal instincts she brought to the station.

Miller's role with the NRP began when she was hired by then Humberstone Township in August 1966, then transferred to the Humberstone Police Department on Oct. 1. She would ride her bicycle to the office at the corner of Chippawa and Carl Rds., in Bethel.

She worked with then-chief Len Hockley and six officers, a position she didn't like at the time because she wasn't comfortable working with only men. The teenager slowly warmed up to the officers who would bring her ice-cream bars.

In the early days, before female officers were more prevalent on the force, Miller was appointed special constable and would be responsible for searching women when they first came into the jail.

The biggest change she has

seen in the police department is the implementation of mobile data terminals in police cars. Before they were implemented, officers would rely on Motorola radio systems to communicate.

In 1970 the police department went regional and in 1971 she moved in to a Port Colborne office called 32 detachment at 64 Clarence St., then 239 King St. In 1987, District 6 was built on Killaly St. and Fielden Ave., where the office today serves as a location for residents to drop in to renew their handicap parking stickers, speak with officers about problem children and other issues.

"You are here for the community. You are here to help them," she said of her longtime role helping Port Colborne residents.

"I've always been dedicated to the people of Humberstone and Port Colborne."

"I will miss the camaraderie and telling (officers) to be safe for the rest of the day."

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October 1st to 14th

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2. Dot with butter. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F.
3. Prepare batter. In medium bowl combine all batter ingredients; beat with a wooden spoon until smooth. Drop in 9 portions over filling, spacing evenly. (Batter will spread during baking)
4. Bake 35 to 40 minutes, or until peaches are tender & crust is golden. Serve warm with whipped cream or ice cream.

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- 1/4 tsp. almond extract
- 1/2 tsp. Cinnamon
- 1/4 Sea Salt
- 1/4 cup water
2. 2 tsp cut butter, cut up
3. 1/2 cup All Purpose Flour
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## ■ REGION: Work with NHS says councillor

## Niagara Region won't support call for an investigation of the NHS

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THOROLD — Niagara Region won't call for a provincial investigation of Niagara Health System's controversial hospital restructuring plan.

The Ontario Health Coalition issues a report in May that criticized the closure of emergency rooms in Fort Erie and Port Colborne and listed a litany of complaints about ambulance gridlock, wait times for emergency care and a lack of hospital beds.

The coalition called for a provincial investigator to look into the complaints. City and town councils in St. Catharines and five other local municipalities endorsed the coalition call.

Niagara's regional council put off a vote on the coalition's request until after a formal response from the NHS in

September.

At the time, hospital system head Debbie Sevenpiper spoke to regional council.

Sevenpiper said "no other organization in the province has been reviewed as extensively as we have." In the past decade and noted the NHS has committed to an independent review of health care changes in Fort Erie and Port Colborne within two years.

In a 10-7 vote in early September, a committee-of-the-whole decided not to endorse the coalition's call for an investigation.

Instead, councillors decided at a later meeting to form a joint oversight committee with the NHS to find ways to reduce emergency room waits and ambulance delays.

Last Thursday, more than 15 people, including coalition members and hospital employees, waited more than five hours

for council to vote on the committee recommendation, which didn't come until 1 a.m.

Port Colborne Coun. Bob Saracino pleaded with council members to reverse their decision and support an investigation, calling it a "life and death matter" for residents in Fort Erie and Port Colborne.

St. Catharines Coun. Judy Casselman argued a review would be a "waste of taxpayers money" and urged council to work with the NHS "in a positive way."

Council ultimately voted 16-11 against supporting the coalition's request.

The region did call on the Local Health Integration Network to "fully comply" with the provincial ombudsman's recent recommendations, which included a move towards greater transparency and more public consultation in future.

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■ **ELECTION:** Mayoral candidate Vance Badawey opens campaign office

# Incumbent mayor's goal is 'to get it done'

**KAESHA FORAND**  
InPort News Staff

**PORT COLBORNE** — Vance Badawey wants to serve another four years as mayor of Port Colborne.

Throughout the past four years, Port Colborne has undergone a vast transformation, with millions of dollars in funding from both levels of government in the past 18 months to improve the municipality, and Badawey would like to be re-elected to ensure his vision for the city continues to move forward.

Last week he took another

step toward realizing that goal by opening his campaign office at 136 Clarence St., with family, friends and supporters. The office, which will be open Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., is where constituents can pick up election signs, volunteer or get more information about the mayoral campaign.

"My mandate for the next four years is to get it done. I want another four years to keep what's been getting done during the last four years."

Badawey was first elected to Port Colborne city council as a Ward 4 representative in 1994. He was elected to the mayor's

office in 1997 and 2000. He was elected mayor for a third term in the 2006 municipal election.

"I lead a great team and we're a better community because we work together."

Badawey recalled the thought of entering the political world came in the early 1990s when former long-time Port Colborne city councillor Rose Shymansky died. He was talking with his father about the challenges Port Colborne faces.

"My dad said, 'Don't sit here and talk about it, do something!'"

Badawey ended his cam-

paign office opening by modifying a quote from President John F. Kennedy's inaugural

address: "Don't think what your community can do for you, think of what you can do

for your community."

The municipal election will be held Monday, Oct. 25.



Port Colborne mayoral candidate Vance Badawey, centre, held his campaign office opening last Saturday morning with about 40 supporters, family members and friends. The downtown office is located at the corner of Clarence and Elm streets.

**KAESHA FORAND** Staff Photo

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■ **MAPLEVIEW MEDICAL CLINIC:** Chiropractor Dr. Vanessa Ashworth joins

# New doctor at Mapleview Medical Clinic

InPort New Staff

**PORT COLBORNE** — Mapleview Medical Clinic has added new doctor to its staff.

Chiropractor Dr. Vanessa Ashworth is now part of the community-based medical practice, said a release from the clinic.

"Dr. Ashworth brings with her a tremendous skill set and will be a wonderful asset to our practice and our patients, especially as the only practicing female chiropractor in Port Colborne," says Dr. Derek Rivers, family physician and partner in the clinic. Ashworth is accepting new patients and looks forward to

treating the citizens of south Niagara.

"I am so excited to be able to open my practice in the region where I grew up and to help improve the quality of life for the people in this area," said Ashworth.

She is a recent graduate of D'Youville Chiropractic College in Buffalo, NY. Prior to

entering chiropractic college she attended the University of Guelph and obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Biomedical Science.

Ashworth has a special interest in natural pain relief, total family care and nutrition and wellness counselling. She is additionally certified in A.R.T. (active release technique) and

Graston technique for the treatment of athletic and soft tissue injuries.

As a recent graduate, Ashworth brings the newest evidence-based treatment techniques with her, to work in collaboration with family physicians at Mapleview Medical Clinic. Rather than an alternative to traditional

medical care, Ashworth works together with physicians to provide comprehensive musculoskeletal care for many conditions including neck and low back pain, joint pain, headaches, carpal tunnel syndrome, strains and sprains as well as a multitude of soft tissue injuries.

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## ■ RE-TENDER: Project to come before new council

## Questions and concerns

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### Recorded vote

A recorded vote was called at the Sept. 7 meeting for the recommendation to re-tender the project. Voting in favour of the recommendation was Mayor Vance Badawady and Councillors Gary Bruno, Barbara Butters, Ben Kray, Kate Leigh and Bill Steele. Opposed to the recommendation were Councillors David Barrick, Frank DiBartolomeo and Domenic Ursini.

PORT COLBOURNE — City council's recent decision to re-tender and re-engineer Port Colborne's proposed health and wellness centre has left residents with questions and concerns about the project.

Mayor Vance Badawady said residents have been calling city hall and asking about the project's financing, whether taxes would be going up and whether debt would increase as a result of the multi-use centre.

"The answer is no," he said, regarding taxes and debt.

On the other side, Ward 2 Councillor Frank DiBartolomeo believes the project will have a detrimental impact on the city's finances for years to come.

Badawady said in order to renovate the city's existing facilities, it would cost about \$14 million — with the repairs lasting an estimated 10 to 12 years.

Instead, the city has allotted \$12 million to construct the new facility, which would serve Port Colborne for the next 50 years. Badawady said there is "still some debate" over whether council will use the entire \$12 million allotted for the project.

The city has received a Building Canada Fund grant worth \$13.7 million, as well as a provincial grant from the Ministry of Health Promotion and Sport worth just more than \$3.2 million.

Those funds must be used toward the health and wellness centre project before 2016.

If council opted to restore its existing facilities, the \$17 million in grants would be lost, Badawady said.

"The city is also proposing to finance the project with \$11.8 million in hydro funds, \$1 million in federal gas tax funds and an estimated \$3 million in fundraising — bringing the budget to roughly \$33 million.

The decision to re-tender and re-engineer the project came after a contentious four-hour meeting on Sept. 7, when council reviewed the tenders that were submitted. Ward 1 Councillor David Barrick put forth a recommendation to tender only the base-model design for two arenas and a pool, but the

motion was defeated around the council table.

Three councillors voted against the re-tender process, in hopes of having the base-model design revisited.

DiBartolomeo, who was opposed to the re-tender, doesn't believe the project should reach any higher than the \$25-million mark, in order to keep costs affordable.

"I don't want to see our hydro funds and reserves depleted," he said. "We're setting ourselves up for some major financial problems."

Even if there is no increase to the tax levy because of the complex, there will have to be a "hike" in the future to support the cost of other projects, he added.

"This budget is based on a lot of assumptions. I just cannot support that."

Badawady said the "old way" of doing business in government "was to go to the taxpayers, while the new way, which the city is embracing, is to find other revenue to make these projects happen."

It's important for the city to find these "mechanisms," such as upper-tier government funding, that alleviate the burden from taxpayers, he said.

Barrick said he's pushed hard for the complex to include only the "existing level of service," which means two arenas and a pool.

"The public is 'not thrilled,'" he said, with the re-tender and re-engineering of the project, particularly with the additional consultant and redesign costs associated.

Badawady said the re-engineering is currently underway and the decision to re-tender will have little effect on the project's timeline.

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